

# **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-3024**

**505 ½ Sudbrook Road**

**Pikesville, Baltimore County**

**1890**

**Private**

This dwelling at 505 ½ Sudbrook Road is located in Sudbrook Park in Pikesville in the Third District of Baltimore County. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973, Sudbrook Park Historic District is significant as a small community designed and planned by Frederick Law Olmstead. It was planned as a summer resort for wealthy Baltimore residents at the turn of the 20th century. Known for his emphasis on nature, Olmstead designed Sudbrook Park with importance on curvilinear streets, large lots, and an abundance of mature trees and vegetation. The houses in Sudbrook Park were designed with several deed restrictions. The structure was required to be sited forty feet back from the street and ten feet from neighboring property lines. The height of each property was to be three stories and the styles allowed were rural and not urban.

This dwelling, circa 1895, is sited on a level grassy lot surrounded by trees and shrubs and fronts close to the street. A paved driveway leads to a garage to the side. Standing two-and-a-half stories in height and two bays wide this house is wood frame clad with vinyl siding. This house is similar in style, plan, and details to the house located at 505 Sudbrook Lane. Resting on a solid random-rubble parged stone foundation, this dwelling is capped with a cross-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The original entry holds a single-leaf wood door which is flanked by a 12-light casement window. A second non-historic single-leaf entry was installed next to the casement window. The first story features cut-away corners and is pierced by a 15/1 window and a 12/1 window. The façade is also pierced by a 15-light casement window, a pair of 12/1 windows, and multi-light casement window in the gable peak. A one-story inset wrap-around porch is supported with wood turned posts and square balusters. Other features of the house include sloping corners, scroll-sawn exposed roof rafters, corner eave brackets, and a molded wood cornice. Above the roof rise two interior brick chimneys (center, side) each with corbeled caps.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-3024

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic 505 1/2 Sudbrook Road

other

### 2. Location

street and number 505 1/2 Sudbrook Road not for publication

city, town Pikesville vicinity

county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William C. & Betty L. Traband

street and number 505 1/2 Sudbrook Road telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21208-4726

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 78, 420

city, town Towson liber 3740 folio 296

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report  
☐ Other

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This dwelling, circa 1890, is sited on a level grassy lot surrounded by trees and shrubs and fronts close to the street. A paved driveway leads to a garage to the side. Standing two-and-a-half stories in height and two bays wide this house is wood frame clad with vinyl siding. This house is similar in style, plan, and details to the house located at 505 Sudbrook Lane. Resting on a solid random-rubble parged stone foundation, this dwelling is capped with a cross-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The original entry holds a single-leaf wood door which is flanked by a 12-light casement window. A second non-historic single-leaf entry was installed next to the casement window. The first story features cut-away corners and is pierced by a 15/1 window and a 12/1 window. The façade is also pierced by a 15-light casement window, a pair of 12/1 windows, and multi-light casement window in the gable peak. A one-story inset wrap-around porch is supported with wood turned posts and square balusters. Other features of the house include sloping corners, scroll-sawn exposed roof rafters, corner eave brackets, and a molded wood cornice. Above the roof rise two interior brick chimneys (center, side) each with corbeled caps. The garage, circa 1980, is wood frame clad with vinyl siding and stands one story high. It is capped with a front-gable roof and has one roll-up vinyl door. Two carports were constructed on each side of the garage.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1890 ca.

Architect/Builder unknown

Construction dates 1890 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

This house at 505 1/2 Sudbrook Road is located in Sudbrook Park near the town of Pikesville in the Third District of Baltimore County. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973, Sudbrook Park Historic District is significant as a small community designed and planned by Frederick Law Olmstead. It was planned as a summer resort for wealthy Baltimore residents at the turn of the 20th century. In 1890, the Sudbrook Company purchased a 204 acre tract just south of Reisterstown Road in Pikesville. During the hiatus of his career, Olmstead was commissioned to design Sudbrook Park. One acre of land was set aside by the company for a depot for the Western Maryland Railway.

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### ENDNOTES

1. Sudbrook Park Historic District Nomination, National Register of Historic Places (Washington, DC: NPS, 1973).

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.489 acres

Acreage of historical setting unknown

Quadrangle name Baltimore West

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The dwelling located at 505 1/2 Sudbrook Road is in Sudbrook Park Historic District in Pikesville in the Third District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 78, parcel 420 since its construction.

## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization E.H.T Traceries

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state DC zip code 20001

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600

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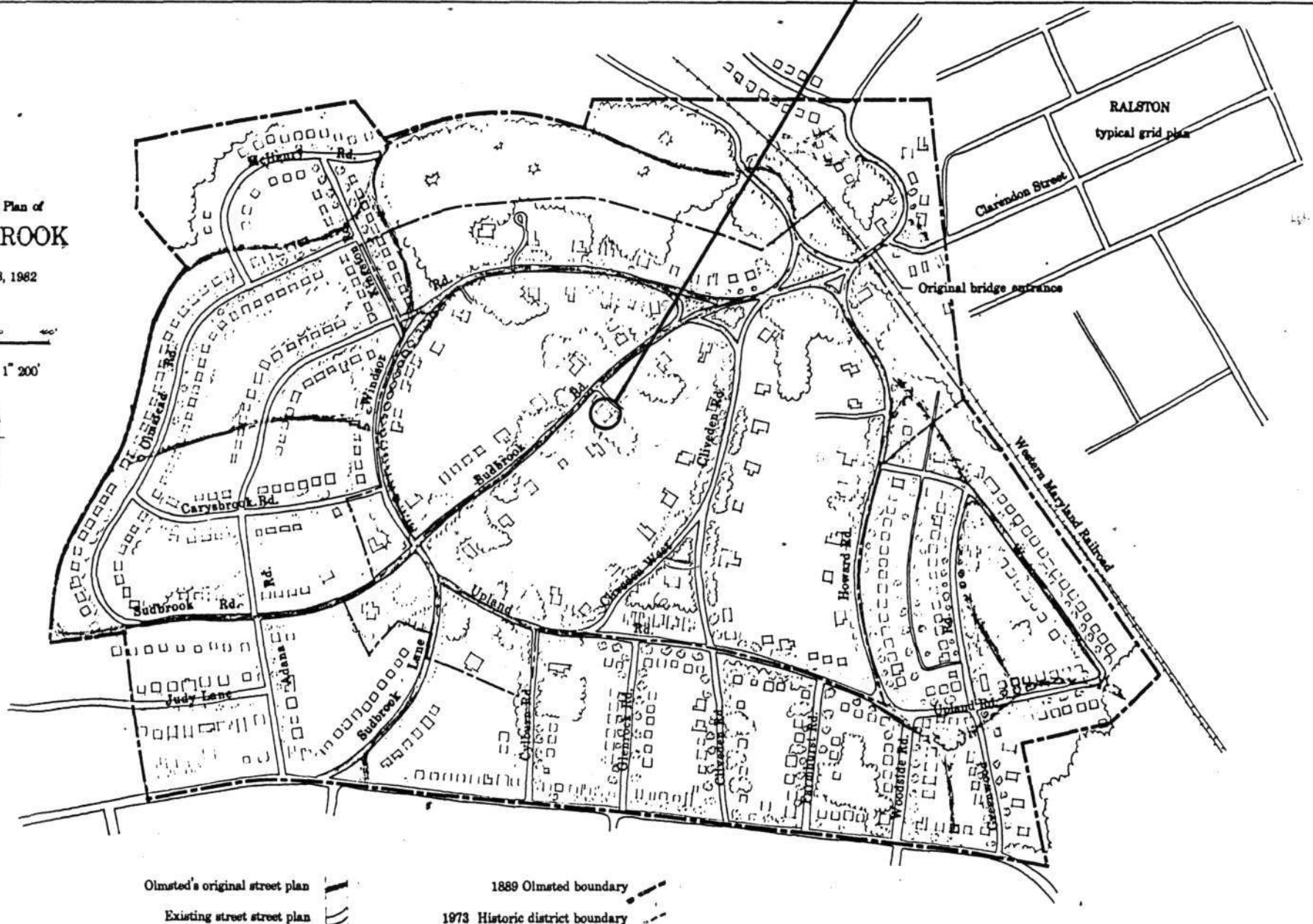
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 Pikesville  
 Baltimore West, USGS

# General Plan of SUDBROOK

July 28, 1982

Scale: 1" = 200'



Olmsted's original street plan

Existing street street plan

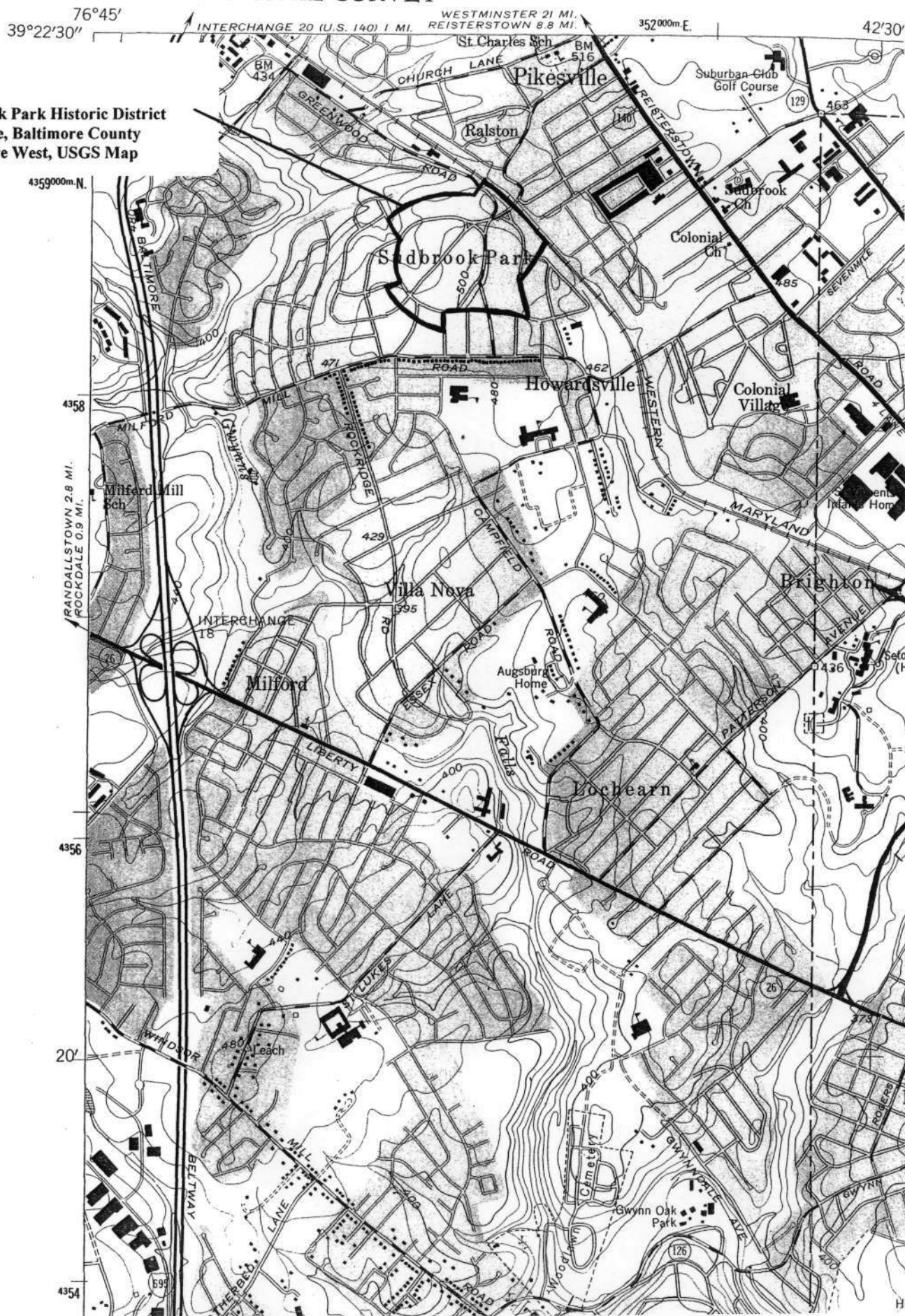
1889 Olmsted boundary

1973 Historic district boundary

5662 IV NE  
(REISTERSTOWN)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Sudbrook Park Historic District  
Pikesville, Baltimore County  
Baltimore West, USGS Map





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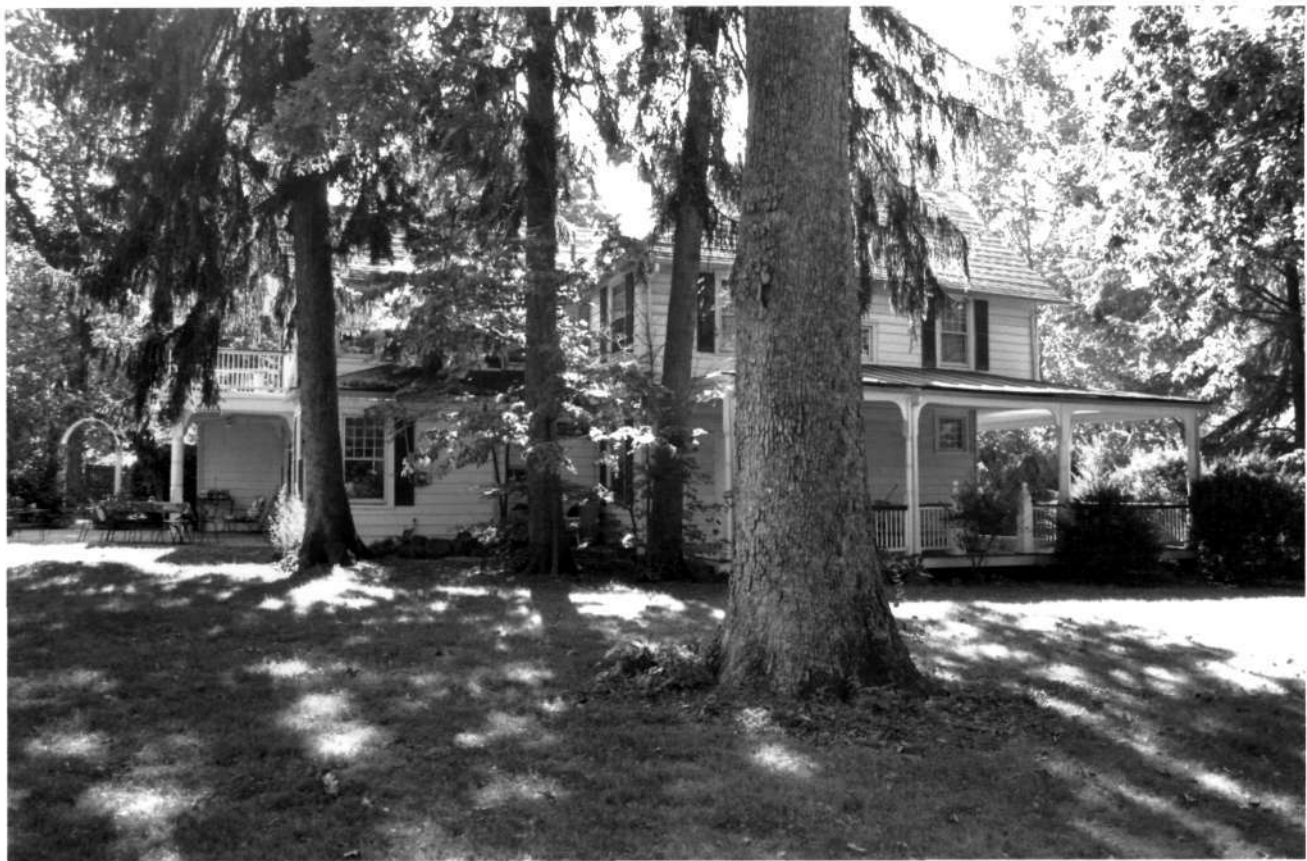
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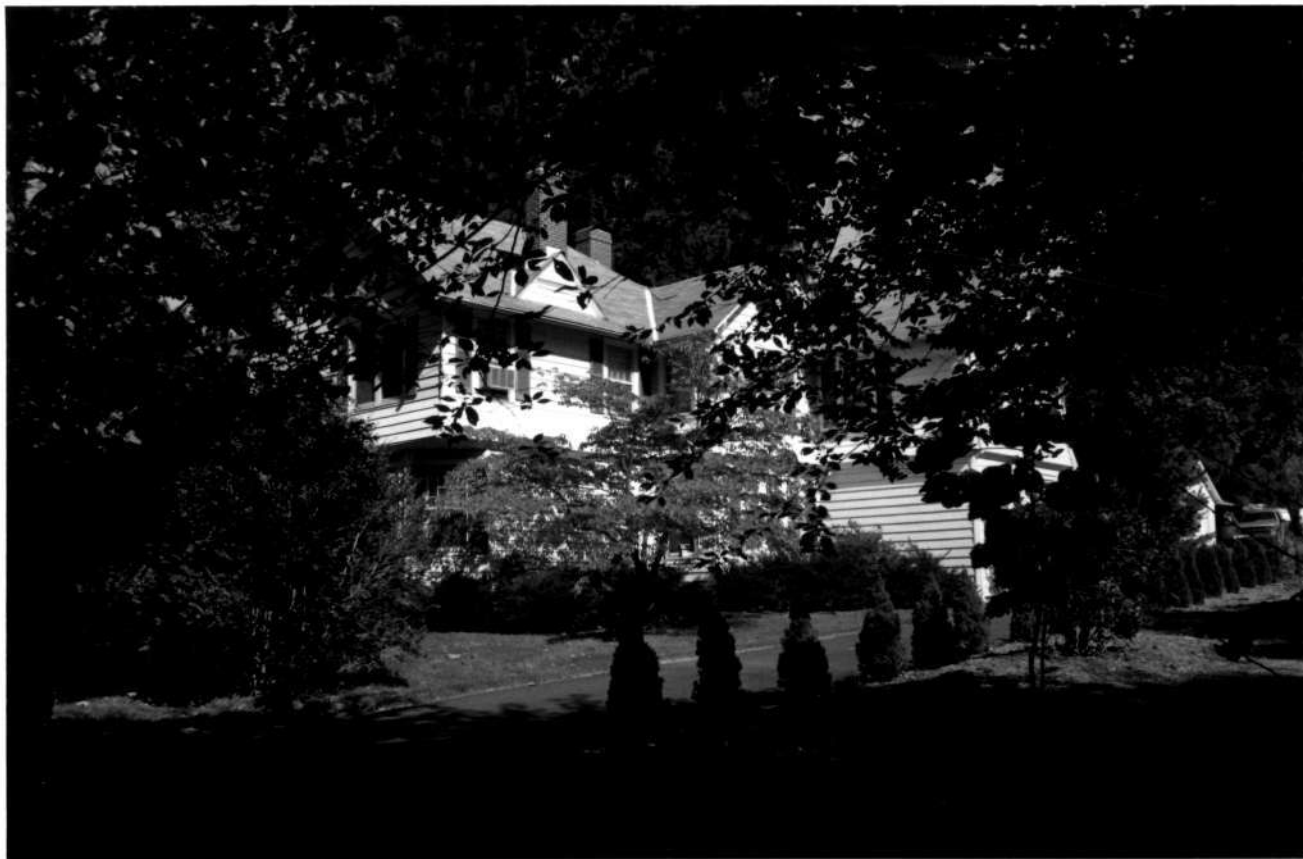
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HOUSE, WEST CORNER

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